

OPIOID EPIDEMIC: ERIE COUNTY TASK FORCE UPDATES

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WORK GROUP #5: HOSPITALS

- ONGOING FOCUS
 - ENSURING NALOXONE ACCESS ACROSS WNY HOSPITALS
 - FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND TREATMENT RESOURCES



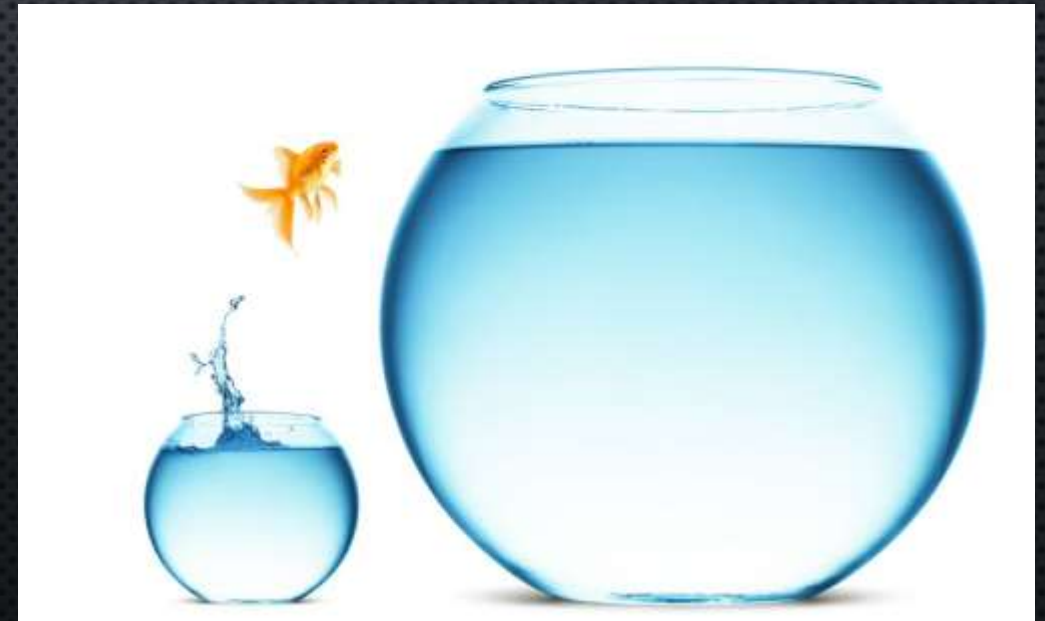
WORK GROUP #5: HOSPITALS

- CURRENT FOCUS
 - MAXIMIZING THE PATIENT INTERACTION
 - DEFINITIVE FOLLOWUP ARRANGED PRIOR TO DISCHARGE
 - APPROPRIATE INPATIENT MANAGEMENT

on these distractions are things you want to get rid of these, just write them down. I always carry a notebook with me and write these things down in it. This also serves to **focus** my thoughts when I have a spare moment and need to figure out what to do next. By keeping everything here, any part of my brain that is worried about what I have to do goes away.

MAXIMIZING PATIENT INTERACTION

- REALIZING ANY ENCOUNTER MAY BE OUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY
 - CREATING “TOOLKIT FOR PROVIDERS”
 - ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES
 - ACCESSIBLE EMR ITEMS
 - RESOURCE LIST
 - WITHDRAWAL TREATMENTS



ENSURING FOLLOWUP

- PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT CONCEPT
 - VAGUE FOLLOWUP IS RARELY SUCCESSFUL
 - UTILIZING RESOURCES
 - CRISIS SERVICE HOTLINE
 - PEER CONNECTION



APPROPRIATE INPATIENT MANAGEMENT

- PAST FOCUS ON EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
 - WIDE RANGE OF INPATIENT PROVIDERS
 - KNOWLEDGE BASE AND FAMILIARITY VARIES
 - RESOURCE DOCUMENT FOR INPATIENT PROVIDERS
 - METHADONE, BUPRENORPHINE, ETC



RESPONSES TO THE EPIDEMIC AT



- NEW BUPRENORPHINE PROGRAM
- HEALTH HUB GRANT
- EMPHASIS ON HEPATITIS C SCREENING AND TREATMENT
- DRUG USER HEALTH COALITION
- CONCERNS OVER POTENT NON-HEROIN DRUGS
- THE HARM REDUCTION CENTER



Substance User Health Services

LEVEL ONE

LEVEL TWO

LEVEL THREE

Syringe Exchange

Wellness Center

Patient fit

- Desire to reduce risk of disease by accessing free sterile syringes and works.
- Desire to minimize risk of overdose fatality by becoming trained in narcan.
- Inject Drugs; many people do not inject as safely as they could (especially younger individuals).
- Use drugs and have not recently had an HIV or HCV test; these diseases affect this population at high rates.

Health Hub

Substance Use Initiative

Patient fit

- Have overdosed or witnessed an overdose.
- Use drugs and would like to stop or manage their use.
- Are interested in groups for current or former drug users.
- Have found traditional inpatient treatment or counseling ineffective.

Outpatient Counseling
& Addiction Medicine

Specialty Medical Care

Patient fit

- Are ready to commit to attending regularly scheduled appointments.
- Understand abstinence could be required for medication assisted treatment.
- Have chronic health conditions.
- Need HIV treatment, HCV treatment, PrEP, or a Primary Care Physician.

Program Descriptions & Contacts

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Syringe Exchange Program

- Sterile syringes, equipment, and Narcan
- Monthly workshop on safe use
- Safer injection counseling
- Special interventions for young drug users under 30

Wellness Center

- Daily lunch and monthly food pantry
- Art Therapy

Health Hub

- Similar to SEP but emphasizing ongoing harm reduction care
- Support and educational groups
- Overdose aftercare and overdose prevention strategies
- Wound care from nurses
- Safe, non-judgmental space

Substance Use Initiative

- Linkage to detox, treatment, medical assisted treatment, substance use and mental health counseling, and other supportive services

Outpatient Counseling* & Addiction Medicine

- OASAS certified counselors operating through harm reduction approach
- Weekly group for those in the program
- Includes options for friends and family
- Buprenorphine or Vivitrol for qualifying patients

Care Coordination*

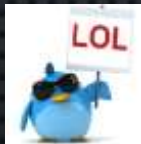
Mental Health Counseling*

Evergreen Medical Group*

* Services require insurance (sliding scale available for counseling)

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